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Technical work: review of notifications of final regulatory action: perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds

Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds: notifications of final regulatory action

Note by the Secretariat

I. Introduction

1. In accordance with paragraph 5 of Article 5 of the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade, the Secretariat has received two notifications of final regulatory action for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds that meet the requirements of Annex I to the Convention from Parties in the following two prior informed consent regions:

(a) Europe: Norway (industrial);[1]

(b) North America: Canada (industrial).[2]

2. The notifications received from the notifying Parties are set out in the annex to the present note. The supporting documentation provided by Norway and Canada is set out in documents UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/INF/13 and UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/INF/14, respectively.

II. Proposed action

3. The Committee may wish:

(a) To review the information provided in the notifications and supporting documentation from Norway and Canada related to perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds in accordance with the criteria set out in Annex II to the Convention;

(b) If it concludes that the notifications meet the criteria set out in Annex II to the Convention, to recommend to the Conference of the Parties that the chemicals in question be made subject to the prior informed consent procedure and, accordingly, be listed in Annex III to the Convention, and to agree on a workplan for the preparation of a draft decision guidance document on perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds.

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* UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.14/1.

[1] See PIC Circular XLI of June 2015.

[2] See PIC Circular XLVII of June 2018.

Annex

Notifications of final regulatory action for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), its salts and PFOA-related compounds

A. **Notification of final regulatory action for perfluorooctanoic acid and its salts and esters in the industrial category submitted by Norway**

B. **Notification of final regulatory action for perfluorooctanoic acid and its salts and precursors in the industrial category submitted by Canada**